

successfully persuaded the State Department to recognize Iranian Jews as political refugees, which allowed them to enter the United States. Many of the refugees became students of Rabbi Neuberger, who waived tuition for them. The school estimates that over the years roughly 1,000 people were brought to the United States due to the Rabbi's efforts.

Throughout his life Rabbi Neuberger also labored mightily to build bridges between different religious communities in Baltimore, understanding the critical importance of strengthening the inter-faith dialogue in this country to confront common problems.

Through his work over a half century, the campus expanded to include 90 acres and 800 students. Today Ner Israel teaches Talmudic Law and offers students numerous degrees, including a baccalaureate, master's, doctorate, Rabbinical Ordination and a teacher's diploma. Ner Israel is recognized as an accredited college by the state of Maryland, and its students may take courses at other colleges and universities in the Baltimore region and receive academic credits for their religious studies.

Rabbi Neuberger's family also contributed to his legacy at Ner Israel, as he is survived by five sons, three of which teach at the school.

Rabbi Neuberger had a tremendous impact on the spiritual, intellectual, and communal lives of thousands of Jews throughout the world. Rabbi Neuberger exemplified what it was to be a rabbi: someone with the wisdom to be a learned teacher and leader. His advice was sought out by community leaders of all faiths, and his wise counsel will be sorely missed.

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTEL RIO RANCHO

#### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Intel Corporation facility in Rio Rancho, in my home state of New Mexico. Intel Corporation came to New Mexico in 1980 with just 25 employees and a tremendous vision for the future; today Intel is the largest employer in Rio Rancho, an area now known as the Silicon Mesa. Intel Corporation is a vital part of the local economy and a major contributor to civic and educational programs in Rio Rancho and the surrounding area.

Intel has been instrumental in the growth and economic development of Rio Rancho throughout the years; as plant operations expanded so did the number of employees and support services utilized by this technology giant. Intel expansion has resulted in numerous improvements in Rio Rancho; in 1997, the corporation donated \$30 million dollars for the construction of a much-needed high school.

Intel currently employs over seven thousand workers and subcontractors in New Mexico who benefit from wages that are well above the state average. Area businesses also flourish as Intel continually bolsters the local economy by purchasing goods and services in Rio Rancho. The city of Rio Rancho has grown, and continues to grow, around the presence of Intel Corporation.

Intel's involvement in Rio Rancho extends far beyond economic consideration, and commitment to community is evident by the corporation's participation in numerous philanthropic programs. Intel employees regularly volunteer time on many local art, education and cultural projects which are then matched by corporate funding. Intel also awards monetary grants to local organizations seeking to better the community and the state of New Mexico.

The Intel Corporation plays a key role in technology education in New Mexico. Intel partners with higher learning institutions in the state to create programs and curriculum that prepare students for employment at the Rio Rancho facility. Additionally, Intel provides access to technology in the Computer Clubhouse program and donates funding and equipment to local schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Intel Corporation on 25 successful years of business in Rio Rancho. Intel's presence in Rio Rancho has resulted in abundant resources for both employees and the surrounding community. Intel is an integral component in the growth of Rio Rancho and a stabilizing factor in the local economy. I thank the Intel Corporation for their consistent participation and lasting contributions to Rio Rancho and the state of New Mexico.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, due to the passing of my good friend, Sam Smith of Cartersville, Georgia, I request a leave of absence from votes this evening so I may attend his wake.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LILIA PEREZ

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lilia Perez for her contributions to the Laredo, Texas community that recently resulted in the opening of a community center bearing her name.

Lilia Perez is a native Laredoan who grew up, attended school, and has worked her entire life in Laredo. A few short years after studying Business Administration at Laredo Junior College, Lilia was elected to the Webb County Community Action Agency Board, where she represented the poor of Laredo for over thirty years.

In 1982, Lilia Perez was elected a Commissioner of Webb County, making her the first female Commissioner in the county's history. Lilia has also served on the South Texas Region Community Development Block Grant Review Committee and the City of Laredo Planning and Zoning Commission.

Continuing her devotion to her community, Lilia was appointed to the South Texas Retired Senior Volunteer Board. Lilia's service to

seniors and the poor led the City of Laredo to name their newly-built Community Center in her honor.

The Lilia Perez Community Center was financed through the Community Development Block Grant Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Center opened on September 30th, and provides meeting and storage facilities for seniors in the Laredo community.

I am honored to come before you today to recognize the contributions of Lilia Perez to Webb County, and I wish the Community Center the best as it serves our elderly citizens in Laredo.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF NJ STATE ASSEMBLYMAN AND NEWARK CITY COUNCILMAN DONALD K. TUCKER

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a former colleague and a friend, Assemblyman/Councilman Donald Kofi Tucker. I have known Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker for most of my adult life, serving with him on the Newark Municipal Council for many years.

Donald served in the United States Air Force and following his honorable discharge, he became an activist in the Community. He was a man who looked after the needs of all the people. He was elected to the Newark Municipal Council in 1970 and began working as an elected official on behalf of the citizens of Newark. He worked diligently for decades as chairman of the Tax Abatement Committee of the Newark Municipal Council and he served as president of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBCLEO) for many years. He was also appointed and served as chair of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission. As one of the founders and chairman of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention (BIC), he had a mind to educate African Americans on the issues concerning the struggle for peace, equality and justice. He was elected to the New Jersey State General Assembly as an Assemblyman in the 28th Legislative District in 1997 and was named in 2001 and served as Speaker Protempore until his passing. Donald also supported the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL). We must remember all the countless children and elderly he served as founder and president of "The Centre, Inc.", a community services multipurpose center serving children, youth and seniors on Elizabeth Avenue in Newark.

Assemblyman/Councilman Tucker had views he firmly believed in and supported those views very passionately. But at the same time, he was a gentle man who gave of himself wholeheartedly. Even while he was ill, he still put the needs of his constituents before that of his own health.

After lying in State in the Rotunda of Newark City Hall, a home-going service will take place on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 in Newark, New Jersey where his family, friends and colleagues will remember his legacy. I am certain that this legacy will live on in the people of Newark, throughout the State of New Jersey and across the Nation. He will be sorely missed.

I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the memory of this outstanding public servant and in offering our deepest condolences to his wife, Cleopatra and his three children, Donna Wynn, Stacey Carroll and Kiburi Tucker and his nine grandchildren.

#### ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

### HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Rosa Parks, a woman who dedicated her life to changing our Nation so that all Americans would have the opportunity to experience true freedom and justice. It was her courage and steadfast resolve that launched the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and sparked the civil rights movement.

As we mourn her loss, we should recommit ourselves to stamping out injustice wherever it exists. We can best pay tribute to this remarkable woman by speaking out boldly against inequality and oppression and refusing to accept, ignore, or submit to it.

I extend my deepest sympathies to the members of Mrs. Parks' family. I hope that they can find solace in knowing that all Americans are grieving the loss of this courageous woman, who inspired generations of civil rights activists and changed the course of our Nation's history forever.

#### ON THE PASSING OF ROSA PARKS

### HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of the civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks, who passed away on October 24, 2005, at the age of 92. Rosa Parks is one of our country's premier civil rights advocates, who worked in the Montgomery, Alabama office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is best known for refusing to relinquish her bus seat to a white man in December 1955.

Her quiet defiance led to her arrest and sparked the movement that inspired the Civil Rights Act which banned racial discrimination in public accommodations, ending legal segregation in America. Her historic act of courage showed that it was long past time to roll back the Jim Crow era discrimination laws.

After taking her public stand for civil rights and the ensuing Montgomery bus boycott, Mrs. Parks was unable to obtain work in Alabama. In the midst of threats and harassment, she and her husband, Raymond Parks, moved to Detroit, MI in 1957. Mrs. Parks worked as an aide in Rep. John Conyers' Detroit office from 1965 until retiring September 30, 1988.

Upon her retirement, Mrs. Parks said she sought to dedicate more time to the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, founded in 1987. The Institute is committed to developing leadership among Detroit's young people and initiating them into the struggle for civil rights. Mrs. Parks continued

to be a leader within her community and a symbol of freedom for all Americans up to her death.

Mr. Speaker, Rosa Parks' lifetime work and fight for the civil rights for African-Americans has not gone unnoticed in the last decade. Mrs. Parks was awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton and the Congressional Gold Medal. Rosa Parks not only stood up for herself but for generations of African-Americans. Mrs. Parks will and shall forever remain an inspiration to those who are fighting for freedom and her legacy will remain iconic for the civil rights movement.

#### STATEMENT HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF CIVIL RIGHTS INSPIRATION ROSA PARKS

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of civil rights icon, Rosa Parks. Mrs. Parks served us all as a shining example of courage, strength and dignity for the whole of her 92 years and through some of the darkest points in our nation's history. An acknowledgement of her life and her passing on Monday, October 24, 2005 is in order.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks quietly insisted upon the actions demanded by the most self-evident of truths: that she be recognized and respected as an equal. An equal to every other human being and every other citizen in the State of Alabama and the United States of America. On a day when she had worked as hard as anyone else, Rosa Parks insisted that she be recognized and respected as a human being, and quietly demanded to keep her seat.

The simplicity of her refusal to give up her seat on a public bus to a White passenger crystallized the pain of a nation and sparked a Movement. From that day on, African-Americans would be civilly disobedient. We would use non-violence to quietly demand in the most respectful way possible that we receive the respect that had been denied to us. Mrs. Parks inspired a Civil Rights Movement that empowered African-Americans politically, socially and personally. She was our inspiration to walk together until the economic, cultural, historical and political importance of African-Americans as Americans would be recognized. Mrs. Parks inspired the first steps in the next chapter of our national journey. . .and we continue to walk together today.

As we remember Rosa Parks, we must remember the trials and sacrifices for which she and so many others tirelessly fought. We must honor her memory by continuing the fight. The fight for justice. The fight for equality. The fight to be recognized first and foremost and in all situations as human beings. We are saddened by her passing, but she will live on in our memories and our actions.

#### 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACARON'S SOOPER MARKET

### HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 85th anniversary of Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market, the oldest business establishment in the town of Springer, in my home state of New Mexico. Founded in 1920, Macaron's Sooper Market has been family-owned and operated for the entire 85 years the store has been in existence.

A testament to small business success in Northeastern New Mexico, Macaron's Sooper Market also plays a significant role in the history of Springer. Originally known as the Springer Confectionery Store, Joseph and Lillie Macaron purchased the establishment in 1920 and reopened the business in October as the Macaron's Sooper Market.

In the thirties, more modern times necessitated the move to a newly constructed, larger building not far from the original location. The store was expanded again in the sixties to become the Macaron's Sooper Market we know today.

The legacy continues as Fred, Betty, Gary and Marilyn Macaron, descendants of the store founders, carry on the family business and decades-long tradition. Macaron's Sooper Market is an enduring and historic feather of Springer and a staple of the Northern New Mexico small business community.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in offering congratulations to the Macaron family as they celebrate 85 years in business. Family-owned small businesses like Macaron's Sooper Market are the heart of Northeastern New Mexico's economy.

#### HONORING ROSA PARKS

### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 25, 2005*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate and celebrate the life of Rosa Parks and her immense contribution to the struggle for human rights and the betterment of American society. Rosa died in her Detroit, Michigan, home on Monday, October 24, 2005, at age 92. Although saddened by this great loss, I cannot help but have great admiration for the courageous woman who kept her seat in a time of injustice. Known as the "mother of civil rights," Rosa unrelentingly devoted her life to guarantee equal rights to all Americans.

Rosa, clothed with determination, refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus 50 years ago and injected life and energy into the Civil Rights Movement. Rosa's actions